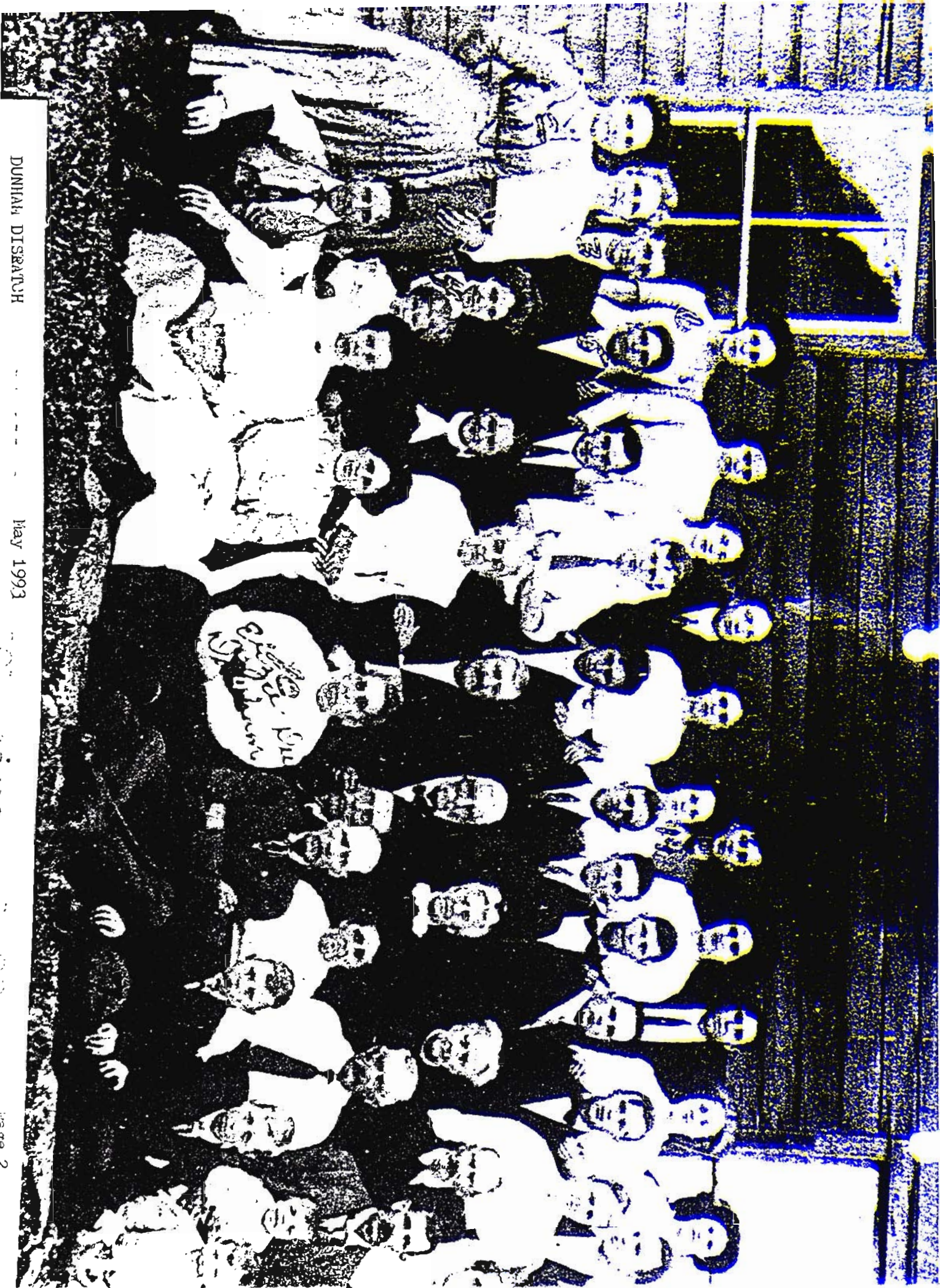
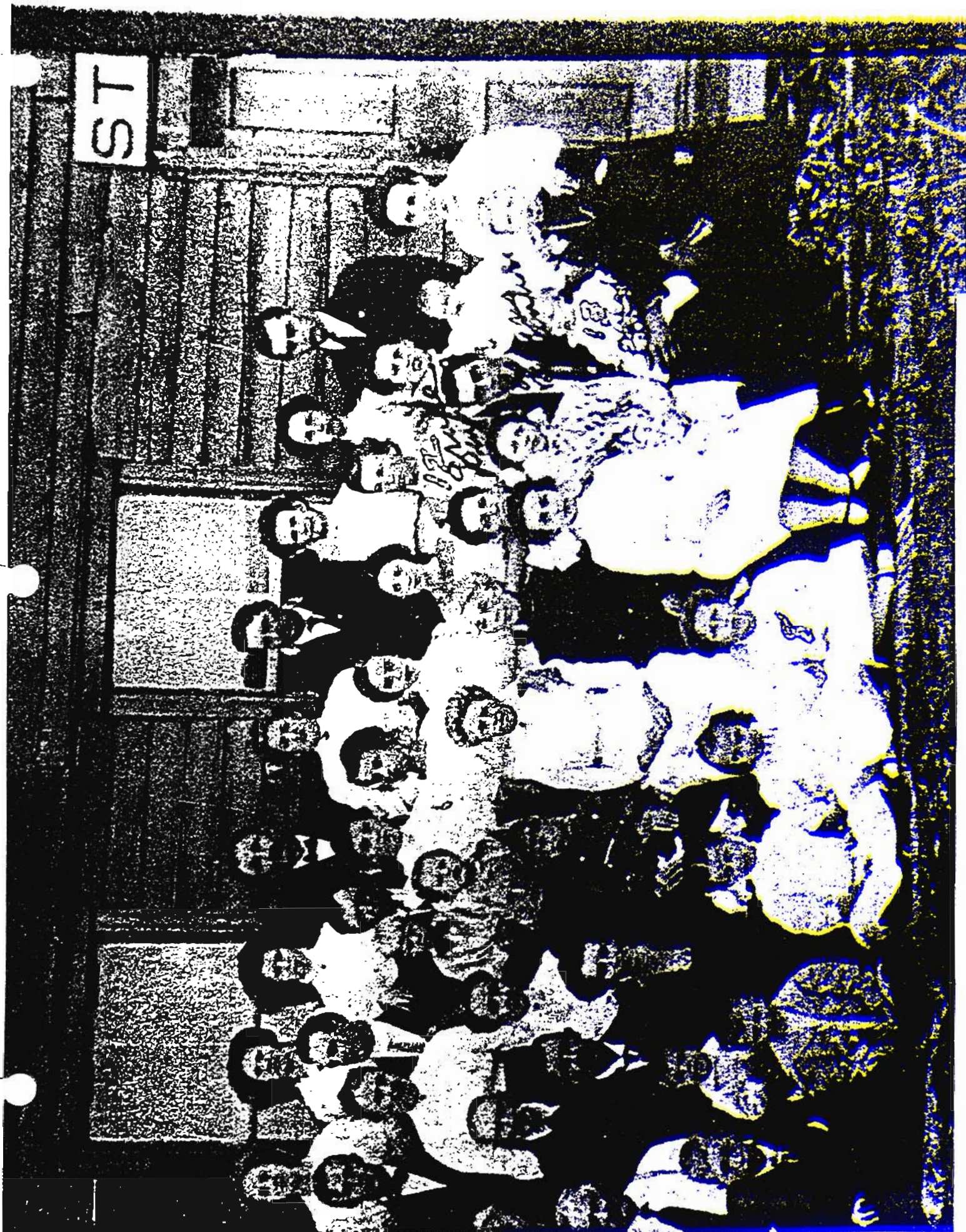


1909 Revisited Identifications sought

It is always particularly exciting to have materials from 2 different sources pertaining to the same event, as is the case this month. Ann Eldred, Verona, NY, sent the photo of the group assembled at a Dunham reunion marked "circa 1909," while P. C. Alger sent the account of the Dunham reunion found in the ONEIDA (NY) DEMOCRATIC UNION, date of Sep. 4, 1909. Note that the article mentions that there were 72 in attendance. We THINK we count 80 faces in the photo. How many do you get? The Ezekiel mentioned in the clipping belonged to the 6th generation. His line was: Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5. Ezekiel's dates were 1793-1883, so don't look for him in the picture. The name of only one of Ezekiel's children is presently known here: Orlando (1840-1896), so he's not present either. Did Ezekiel have other children? If so, as is likely, many of these people could be their descendants. A little bit of help with identifications is provided by someone who was apparently a son or daughter of James Hiram Landers, who named and numbered a few of the attendees, as follows: 1-James Johnson Landers (Grandfather); 2-Cora A. Odell (Grandmother); 3-Elden H. Landers (Uncle); 4-Frances C. Vanderwalker (Aunt); 5-John (Arthur) Oaster (Uncle); 6-Bertha B. Landers (Aunt); 7-Glen Landers (Uncle); 8-Leta Landers (Aunt); 14-James Hiram Landers (Father); 9-Lyman Dunham; 10-Eliza Dunn (wife); 11-Burgess Dunham (son); 12-Grace Eicholtz (son's wife); 13-Leola Dunham Painter (son's daughter). The trouble is that their numbers, evidently once visible like name tags on their shirts, have largely disappeared. Ann Eldred thoughtfully sent several different sizes of the photo. We're choosing the largest & devote 2 pages to it. Note that the two overlap slightly; there's a young woman in the back row who has her hand on the shoulder of the young man in front of her. These, & a few others, appear on both pages. Any help with identifications will be MUCH appreciated! Now the clipping: "The 8th annual reunion of the descendants of Ezekiel & Eunice Dunham, who settled at West Vienna when this section was new, was held last week Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Sanford in Stone Street, Oneida. 72 were present & had a most delightful day, the dinner being most sumptuous. The younger members made things lively. Guests were present from Utica, Syracuse, Clarks Mills, New York Mills, Cortland, Gayville, Kenwood, Schenectady, Constantia, Rome & West Vienna. The next reunion will be held the last Saturday in August at the home of F. W. McArthur in West Vienna. Officers were elected as follows: Pres.- Lyman Dunham, Costantia; Vice Pres. - Jerome Dunham & James Landers of Rome; Recording Secretary is Grace McArthur of Schenectady; Corresponding Sec. is Mrs. Lizzie Sanford of Oneida. Treasurer is Charles H. Sanford, Oneida, & Chaplain is Rev. J. Milton Dunham of West Vienna."

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From Karen Hill, Half Moon Bay, CA, we have this obituary for Ellen Dunham Curtis which appeared in the PETERSBURG (Michigan) SUN on May 22, 1914:

MRS. ELLEN J. CURTIS DEAD

"On Sat. morning, May 16, 1914, in Petersburg, Mich., Mrs. Ellen J. Curtis, an old & highly respected citizen, was called to enter the land of rest. She was born in Nichols, NY, Oct. 10,, 1835, & was 78 years, 6 months & 17 days old at the time of her departure from us. Her parents, Ebenezer & Frances Dunham, died in this village; they had 6 children: one died in the army; another (James Dunham) died in this village 3 1/2 years ago; 3 died when quite young, leaving Mrs. Curtis as the last of her generation. She was united in marriage Apr. 18, 1877, by Rev. A. R. Hazen to Rev. David A. Curtis, an honored member of the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This happy union was severed by his death Mar. 5, 1905. The fathers of Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Frances Hyers, Mrs. Albert Hoxie & Curtis Dunham were brothers. These, with 5 other brothers & 3 sisters, constituted her father, brothers, & sisters. As near as we can learn, Mrs. Curtis was a charter member of the W.C.T.U., organized in this village 28 years ago. She honored the "white ribboners" & they honored her by attending in a body the last sad rites of burial, representing a cause the best of earth admire. One month after the death of her brother, James Dunham, Mrs. Frances Hyers, a cousin residing in NY, came to her assistance & has tenderly, lovingly, & helpfully given her the best of care. She was truly an angel of mercy & love. This care, with the ever-ready hands of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Dunham, was a benediction even to the brink of the grave. Mrs. Curtis was converted about 40 years ago & identified herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a faithful member. Her funeral was largely attended, & an appropriate address was given by Rev. D. A. Ramsdell, D.D., of Ann Arbor, who in his early ministry was one in their family. 6 women members of the church acted as honorary pall bearers. The following 6 ministers were present & acted as pall bearers, & each took some part in the service: Revs. A. Balgooven, N. Norton Clark, T. A. Greenwood, J. S. Priestly, I. N. Wilson, & F. J. Clifford. All that is mortal now rests in the Pleasant View Cemetery to wait the call of her lord." ---We note that the article states that the fathers of Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Frances Hyers, Mrs. Albert Hoxie & Curtis Dunham were all brothers. Ellen's father was Ebenezer, Mrs. Catherine Hoxie's father was Sidney, Mrs. Hyers' father was Henry, & Curtis Dunham's father was Dr. Nelson Dunham. The grandfather of all 4 was Sylvanus Dunham (1754-1821)(6)(Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Eleazer 3, Israel 4, Ebenezer 5).

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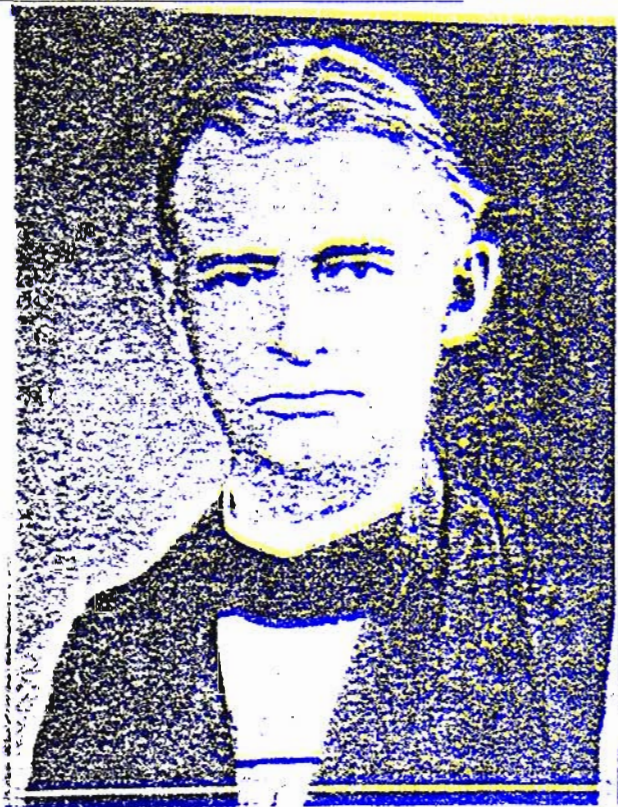
JO ANN GWINN, 7475 SW 102nd Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005-6512, is looking for the parents of MORDECAI DUNHAM, born 1761 in Virginia or New Jersey. In 1800 he was living in Fayette Co., PA, with his wife, Margaret. Several other Dunham families were in the same general area: Jeremiah, Joseph, Moses & Gideon. However, Jo Ann has not been able to find a connection between them. Mordecai Dunham later removed to Jackson Co., Ohio, where he died in 1849. The IWD book provided no help to Jo Ann with this, nor did some of IWD's correspondence which she was able to read. Can anyone help her with Mordecai?

INITIAL RESPONSE: The Virginia or New Jersey birthplace for Mordecai Dunham brings to mind the intriguing yet especially vague (at least in the early generations) record of the Thomas J. Donham 1913 family chronicle. It was a story of 2 brothers (given names long (to page 5)



ROMANCE IN PIG LATIN?? (At Left) MIRIAM LEAH Dunham (1874-1940)(10)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Samuel E. 9) had this photograph taken by Varney, 3915 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, on Jan. 18, 1893 & gave it to her sweetheart (& later husband) Luther (Bud) Ferriss. The odd marks between Varney & Chicago were made by him, & they had some special coded significance. Bud wrote a lengthy message on the back as well. Again, it is coded, perhaps in some precursor of pig latin, as it is apparent that one-syllable words were hard to code. Here's the message: "Maylafay Golofod guilafide herlafer foot stefaleps through the halafafirst & wilapast ---- paths olafur lilafife ilafis the wilafish of one who ilafis to be herlafer husalafund. Bulafud."

AT RIGHT - The Rt. Rev. Hiram Richard Hulse (1868-1938), Missionary Bishop of Cuba, was the husband of Frances B. Seymour Hulse (1874-1946)(10)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Olive H. Dunham Barrows 8, Frances Barrows Seymour 9).



QUERY (from p. 4) forgotten) who came to America together, quarreled to such a serious extent that they decided to spell their names differently, one using DUNHAM & the other DONHAM. One man went north & the other south, but from what geographical point has also been forgotten. Perhaps one approach that Jo Ann might try (if she hasn't already) would be to trace all of Mordecai's descendants &/or the descendants of those other nearby Dunhams in Fayette Co. This might seem like a very LONG longshot, but we can attest to the fact that it can work very well. Pinpoint the locality within the county where they lived. Write the library there & inquire for a genealogical society in the area. Then write them regarding the Dunham family & any cemetery records available. With exact death dates, obituaries can be found & help in tracing descendants through several generations. Often times, one contemporary branch of descendants will have a bit of helpful information that another does not.

ATTENTION, READERS: If you can send any photographs (old or new) of Dunhams &/or Dunham descendants, do send them soon. It would be appreciated if you could mark "Return" on those you need to have back. Newspaper clippings, old letters, & other written documents pertaining to the family would also be great to have.